GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ANTI FERTILITY STUDY ON PRIMATES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti fertility studies on primates being carried out at AIIMS and at the National Institute ofImmunology are funded partly or wholly by International agencies;

(b) whether such funding is in accordance with relevant rules and regulations;

(c) if so, whether such funding agencies are private or Governmental in nature;

(d) if so, the details of quantum of the funding; and

(e) the details of the social benefits of the results of such research to the population of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (d) At AIIMSand at National Institute of Immunology, anti-fertility studies on Primates have been supported by a number of National and International agencies. Projects were funded as per rules and regulations of the AIIMS/National Institute of Immunology respectively. Funds provided to AIIMS during the current year is as follows:-

1.	WHO Rockefeller Foundation	$ 100,000/-
2.	CONRAD	$ 78,286/-
3.	DST	Rs. 1,50,000/-

The Institute of National Immunology received from the Department of Biotechnology, a sum of Rs. 25.11 lakhs and US $ 21,000 (One year) for taking up projects.

(e) Expanding Contraceptive choices is an important Research &Development area and the data so generated would be useful for development of contraceptives, pre-clinical toxicological evaluation of drugs etc. which may be of benefit to the Indian masses for utilizing the contraceptive devices.